

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

Blau *et al.*

**Serial No.:** 10/727,088

**Filed:** December 2, 2003

**For:** MAN-RATED FIRE SUPPRESSION  
SYSTEM

**Confirmation No.:** 6016

**Examiner:** D. Hwu

**Group Art Unit:** 3752

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**October 21, 2009**

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713, this Statement of Substance of Interview is filed in response to the Interview Summary of September 28, 2009, whose initial period of response is set to expire on October 28, 2009.

A personal interview was conducted on September 22, 2009, between Examiner Davis Hwu, Katherine A. Hamer (attorney for Applicants), and Dr. Reed Blau (Applicants' representative). No exhibit was shown, nor was any demonstration conducted.

Applicants' attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the personal interview. The interview was very helpful to Applicants' attorney and representative in gaining an understanding of the Examiner's concerns.

At the interview, the obviousness rejections of the pending claims, as detailed in the Office Action of August 13, 2009, were discussed, as were the Examiner's and Applicants' perspectives with respect to the rejections. Specifically, the Examiner, Applicants' attorney, and Applicants' representative discussed the obviousness rejections in light of the Galbraith and Canterbury references. No agreement was reached regarding the rejections.

Applicants' attorney believes the Interview Summary, together with the instant Statement, adequately describe the substance of the interview. If, however, the Examiner believes that further comments are necessary or desired describing the interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney, and further detail will be promptly provided.

A copy of the Interview Summary is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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